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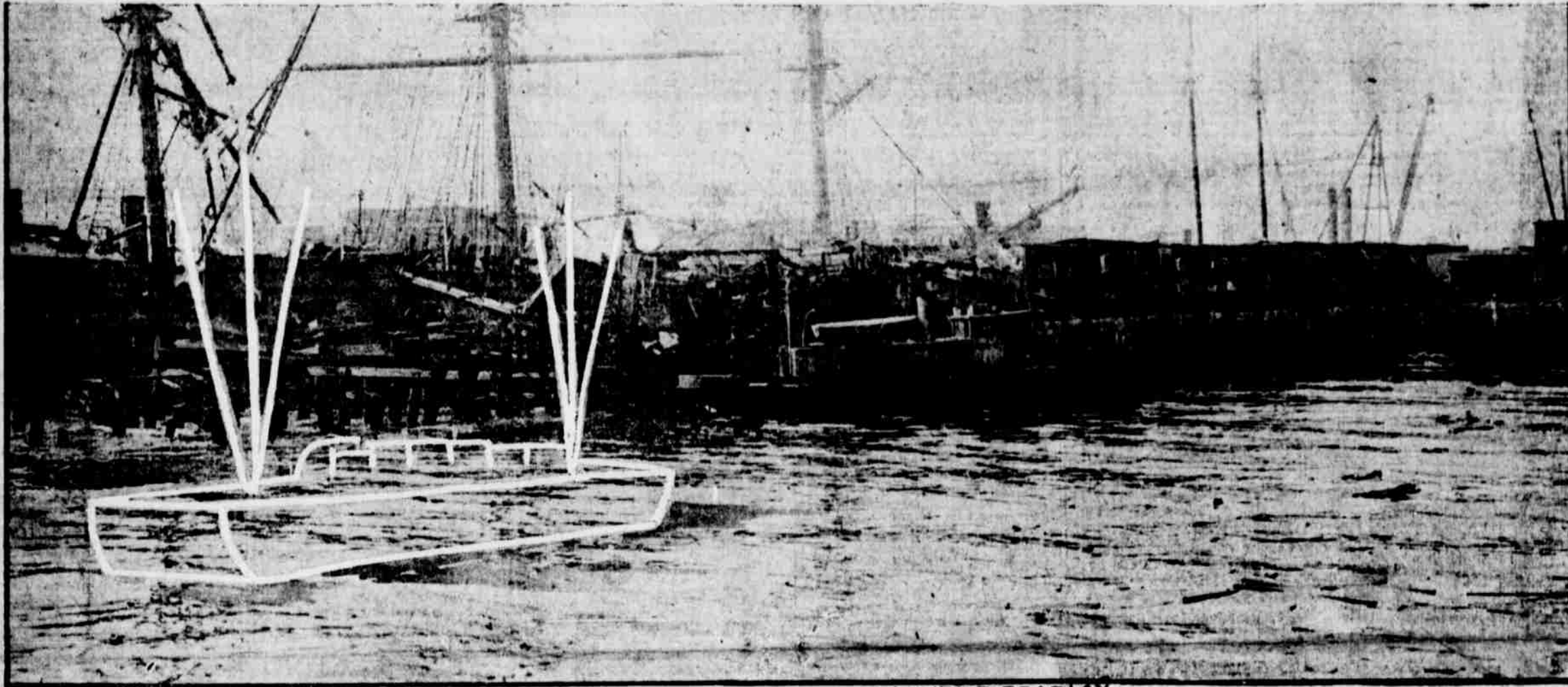
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## Diagram Picture Illustrating the Position of the Powder Boat And the Pier From Which the Explosive Was Being Taken



SCENE OF EXPLOSION SHOWING WHERE BOAT LAY

## MILLIONS FEEL SHOCK LIKE EARTHQUAKE AS DYNAMITE EXPLODES

Thirty Are Killed and Thousands Injured When Magazine Boat Blows Up on New Jersey Shore of Bay.

TUGS AND SHIP WRECKED, FERRY-BOAT SHATTERED.

Skyscrapers Rock, Buildings Are Cracked, Windows Fall in Fragments and Multitudes Swarm Streets Wildly for Twenty-Five Mile Radius From Scene of Disaster.

More than thirty men were killed by the explosion of a cargo of dynamite on board the gasoline lighter Catherine W., moored to the outer end of pier No. 7 in Communipaw, N. J., south of the Jersey Central Depot, on the stroke of noon to-day. Of the dead probably fifteen, who were right at the scene of the explosion, were blown to atoms.

The explosion was the most terrific ever experienced in this section of the country. Its effects were felt for miles in all directions. A tidal wave swept across the upper harbor and up the North River. Thousands were injured in Jersey City, Bayonne, Manhattan and Brooklyn. Acres of panes of glass were shattered, and panic and hysteria reigned for half an hour among a million people.

It is impossible to determine the exact amount of dynamite that exploded, for all who knew are dead, but it is estimated that between five and six tons had been placed aboard the lighter. The explosion was caused by the slipping of two cases of dynamite from the sling by which they were being lowered. They dropped into the hold from a height of about forty feet and the explosion followed.

### BLEW LIGHTERS INTO WRECK.

The Catherine W. was owned by Capt. Heiling, who was in charge aboard to-day. He had a crew of eight men. Besides there were dock hands, helping to move the dynamite from freight cars on the pier to the lighter. The dynamite was intended for shipment to Havana on the liner Santiago. It was being transferred to the Catherine W. from freight cars, in which it had been shipped from the Dupont-De Nemours powder works in New Jersey.

The explosion not only destroyed the Catherine W., Pier No. 7 and part of surrounding piers, but sank the lighter Hustler, Capt. Landgren, with all on board. It is feared that seven or eight men lost their lives on the Hustler. Others were killed on the bark Ingrid, moored across the pier from the Catherine W.

Fire and police boats from New York were the first to reach the scene of the explosion. Fire Commissioner Waldo, Chief Croker and Deputy Police Commissioner Driscoll, in charge of New York firemen and policemen, did praiseworthy work in caring for the injured and rescuing the bodies of the dead.

The Tarrant explosion had been considered the most destructive disaster of the kind in the history of the city. The Tarrant explosion was as the report of a popgun to to-day's tremendous release of the pent-up force of tons of dynamite.

The explosive was being taken from the end car of a string of twenty cars, all loaded with dynamite, which were on pier 7. This end car was blown from its tracks and slewed sidewise on the pier.

Wonderfully, this great mass of explosive did not go off from the concussion caused by the explosion on the barge. If it had, in the opinion of Fire Commissioner Waldo and Chief Croker, who inspected it this afternoon, it might have blown the lower end of Manhattan off the map, and would certainly have wiped out the Communipaw section of Jersey City.

The concussion attending the explosion was felt throughout the metropolitan district. From Elizabeth and the Narrows in New Jersey on the west, the boundaries of the Bronx and the north, Nassau County on the east and Atlantic Highlands on the south reports poured into Manhattan of the rocking of buildings, the shattering of glass and the fright of millions of people.

The greatest severity was felt of course in the Communipaw and Bayonne sections of New Jersey and on Ellis Island. But the most spectacular and remarkable demonstrations of the power of the explosion occurred in lower Manhattan and in the business section and in the Red Hook and Bay Ridge districts in Brooklyn.

### THROAT CUT BY SHAKEN BARBER.

The number of injured will run into the thousands. Hudson Street Hospital in Manhattan was overwhelmed with patients. They were taken to the institution in express wagons, pushcarts, automobiles and ambulances.

## GRAPHIC STORY OF WRECK, OF SURGING CITY CROWDS AND RUIN CAUSED BY CRASH

Evening World Reporter Feels the Shock in the Pulitzer Building and a Moment Later Is Hurrying to Cover the Story.

An Evening World reporter was sitting at his desk on the twelfth floor of the Pulitzer Building just at 12 o'clock when there was a sort of a shaking roar that left him for a moment stunned. It seemed to him—as indeed as it seemed to everybody else apparently within the radius of the explosion—that the bowels of the earth had retched and were starting upward through the foundations of the building beneath him.

This reporter, who is the writer of this account, was half a minute later riding down in the elevator on an assignment to find the place where the crash had occurred and cover the story.

At the door of the building a watchman yelled out to him that something had blown up at Park place and Broadway, two blocks away. But the excavations for a new building at the corner there yawned peaceful and undisturbed. So the reporter joined the growing multitude that poured out of every side street and streamed southward on the up-and-down avenues leading toward the tip of the island.

### STREETS QUICKLY FILLED.

It was just at the noon hour and thousands of clerks and women from the office buildings joined the hurrying masses. Church street, Broadway, and West street were all congested. The crowd would split down the middle like a wave to let a shrieking, smoking banshee of a fire engine through or a galloping squad of mounted policemen and then come together again solidly.

Instinctively everybody headed toward the Battery. But when you got there you found confusion worse confounded. In the tiny park space bounded on two sides by water and on two sides by tiered skyscrapers the engines and fire patrol wagons and the policemen ran from point to point trying to locate the spot where the explosion had occurred, with the multitude following them like sheep. Under foot the pavement was strewn deep inches deep in spots—with shattered glass that had been burst from show windows and office fronts. The scurrying of this glass under countless heels rose above the rest of the tumult.

Then somehow, somewhere—just how he'll never be able to tell—the reporter learned that the explosion had occurred in Communipaw, across a mile or more of sea water. It didn't seem possible that anything less violent than the crack of doom could have carried its force so far under the

## FIVE IDENTIFIED DEAD, MANY DYING, HUNDREDS HURT

Broken bones and bruises, cuts caused by flying glass and nervous shock sent hundreds to the hospitals in Jersey City and Manhattan in the hour immediately following the terrific explosion. Many were only slightly hurt and after emergency treatment were sent to their homes; others were put to bed with more serious injuries, of whom a dozen are dying, and at least two died in the hospitals besides those who were killed outright.

### THE DEAD:

BURNETT, ROBERT, captain of the tug John Twohey, died at Jersey City Hospital.

BARBOUR, ROBERT, No. 215 East Fifteenth street; died at Jersey City Hospital; was a passenger alighting from incoming train in Jersey Central Station; buried under falling glass from skylight.

MORO, GANTONO, No. 41 Conover street, Brooklyn; railroad employee on schooner.

M'NEIL, CHARLES, engineer of switch engine in Jersey Central yards; blown from cab of his engine; sustained fractured skull and died in Christ Hospital.

MORO, MIKE, fifty years, Hamilton avenue, near Prospect avenue, Brooklyn, an Italian; railroad employee on schooner.

### FATALITY INJURED.

BURNS, PATRICK, thirty-two years, waiter on steamer Hackensack, fractured skull. St. Francis Hospital. Will die.

CROTON, —, well-dressed young man, address unknown, seriously cut. At St. Francis Hospital. Will die.

HARE, JAMES H., No. 211 Avenue F, Flatbush, photographer, skull fractured; at St. Francis Hospital.

OLSEN, THOMAS, thirty-eight years, No. 935 Willow avenue, Hoboken, fractured skull. At St. Francis Hospital. Will die.

OSKEY, ISIDORE, seriously crushed and cut. St. Francis Hospital. Will die.

SINGER, S., no address, at St. Francis Hospital; will die.

river and done so much damage on another shore—but, just the same, the reporter ran for the sea wall.

### On the Police Launch.

A police launch was just pulling out from Harbor Squad A and the writer flashed his fire badge and jumped aboard as the policemen-crew cast off and sped for the opposite shore. A five-minute run, and then as we swung in close to the Jersey side, the complete picture of desolation and wreck that I eye saw unfolded itself from behind a

SOTKEY, ISADOR, no address, at St. Francis Hospital; will die.

### THE INJURED.

ABRAHAMSON, BRUNO, No. 372 Canal street, Brooklyn; cut about head and face; at Jersey City Hospital.

ADLERT, ROBERT, Fidelity & Casualty Co., New York; to St. Vincent's Hospital.

ANDERSON, PETER, twenty-seven years, mate of S. S. Ingrid, concussions; Hudson Street Hospital.

ANDERSON, GEORGE, No. 1208 Carroll street, Brooklyn, bruises; City Hospital, Jersey City.

AUBERHAMMON, GREENWALL, fifty-seven years, No. 172A Carroll street, Brooklyn, cook; badly cut about body; City Hospital.

BARNETT, ROBERT, thirty-seven years, No. 204 East Twenty-first street, captain of the John Twohey, fracture of right pelvis, concussions. At City Hospital; will die.

BODEN, FRANK E., Beaver, Pa.; lacerations from wrist to elbow; injured on the ferryboat Wilkes-Barre; New York Hospital and sent home.

BURNS, ANDREW, captain of David Dearborn, blown against boiler.

BURNS, PATRICK, Hackensack, bruised; St. Francis Hospital.

DEMARIST, SAMUEL, No. 107 Summer avenue, Newark; by tug to Hudson Street Hospital.

DENBERT, JOHN W., thirty-eight years old, No. 194 Broadway, Bayonne; concussions of scalp and face; Hudson Street Hospital.

DOLMAN, CHARLES, twenty-six years, laborer, lacerations; to Hudson Street Hospital.

DILLER, —, policeman, Traffic A; thrown from horse; to Hudson Street Hospital.

FARINO, ROGER, forty-three years old, laborer, Canal and Sullivan streets;

concussions of chest and abdomen; Hudson Street Hospital.

FINLEY, EDWARD, No. 313 Seventy-second street, Bay Ridge, concussions; at City Hospital, Jersey City.

FINLEY, THOMAS, No. 424 North Central avenue, Baltimore, contusions; at City Hospital, Jersey City.

FORD, HARRY, twenty-nine years old, cook, No. 112 Franklin street, Greenpoint, scalp wounds. Hudson Street Hospital.

CLARK, FRANK T., Morristown, N. J., to Hudson Street Hospital.

FREDERICKSON, PAGE, No. 621 Fifth avenue, Brooklyn, bruises; to Hudson Street Hospital.

FREDERICKSON, A., twenty-three years old, No. 452 Fifth avenue, Brooklyn; cut about face; Hudson Street Hospital.

GAUCHENSKY, ALBERT, No. 236 Park avenue, Hoboken, attended and home.

GAUSS, JOHN, No. 107 Bay street, Jersey City, seriously hurt about head; at Christ Hospital.

HAMER, J. F., Jr., Middletown, N. J.; to Jersey City Hospital.

HANSEN, H. T., of Hoboken; bruises; St. Francis Hospital.

HARRISON, CHARLES, Orange; to Jersey City Hospital.

HARSHORN, MINNIE, nineteen years old, clerk, No. 467 Ralph avenue, Brooklyn; lacerated scalp.

HEILDS, M., Elizabeth, N. J.; to Jersey City Hospital.

HIGGINS, ANNE, fifty-six years old, No. 255 Park place, Elizabeth; scalp wounds; Hudson Street Hospital.

HILLARY, THOMAS, deck hand, No. 61 North Central avenue, Baltimore; cut about body. City Hospital.

JABACHEIMER, J. T. JR., Middletown, N. J.

JAMELKOWSKI, SOLOMON, No. 324 Park avenue, Plainfield, N. J.

JOHNSON, WILLIAM H., sixty-one years old, No. 24 West Sixty-third street, concussions of scalp. Hudson Street Hospital.

KAISER, WILLIAM, No. 45 Hudson street, engineer; blown out of cab.

KOZINSKY, J. N., Bay street, Jersey City; blown into river; dying in St. Francis Hospital.

LAMB, JOHN, No. 116 Rolly street, Elizabeth, bruises. City Hospital, Jersey City.

LAVIN, MARIE, twenty-eight years

old, No. 217 Third street, Elizabeth; contusions of scalp; Hudson Street Hospital.

LAVIN, MAY, two years old, No. 217 Third street, Elizabeth; broken finger, lacerations of body; Hudson Street Hospital.

LEHMAN, JOHN H., Newark; to Jersey City Hospital.

LEHMAN, J., No. 236 Broadway; to St. Vincent's Hospital.

LOUT, J., No. 116 Realy street, Elizabethport, N. J., captain of Tugboat Elizabeth, bruises; to Hudson Street Hospital.

MONANGO, SAMUEL, twenty-six years, cook on S. S. Ruth, scalded about face and hands; at St. Francis Hospital.

NEALON, WILLIAM, No. 726 Forty-second street; to Hudson Street Hospital.

NELSON, WILLIAM, No. 726 Forty-first street, Brooklyn, bruises; to Hudson Street Hospital.

NENERA, ANTONIO, fifty years old, No. 61 Eighth avenue, lacerations. Hudson Street Hospital.

PANCHOWSKY, —, No. 334 Fourth street, Hoboken, to Jersey City Hospital.

STRANSKY, CHARLES, No. 644

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ARMED WITH KNIFE, CRANK IS ARRESTED IN MAYOR'S OFFICE

Says He Was Sent by God to See Gaynor—Is Sent to Bellevue.

Just as Mayor Gaynor arrived at the City Hall to-day a man who was acting very excitedly broke into the Mayor's office and declared he was sent by God to see the Mayor.

Detectives Patrick Curry and Floyd Horton, who have the detail to follow the Mayor to and from the office, grabbed the man, and when they searched him found an open knife in his pocket.

The man was hurried downstairs to the City Hall station and arraigned before Lieut. Walsh of the Traffic Squad station. There he said he was Charles "Tide" of No. 7 East Thirty-second street, Bayonne, N. J.

The lieutenant concluded the man was a crank and sent him to Bellevue.

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